

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 15, 2017 at 2:45 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 271, 2/10/2017; HB 279, 2/10/2017; SB 206, 2/6/2017

Executive Action: SR 26 - Be Adopted
SB 163 - Do Pass As Amended
SB 158 - Do Pass
SB 152 - Do Pass As Amended
SB 246 - Be Tabled

00:00:02 Chair Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 246

00:00:43 Sen. Kary

00:01:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 246 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts33a01)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 26

00:02:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 26 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 158

00:02:59 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 158 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:03:19 Sen. Malek

00:03:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown and Sen. Vance voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 163

00:04:56 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 163 DO PASS**.

00:05:18 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 163 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts33a02)

Discussion:

00:05:32 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division

00:06:13 Chair Brown

00:06:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:06:45 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 163 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:07:00 Chair Brown

00:07:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 152

00:08:05 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 152 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

00:08:18 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division

00:08:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:09:04 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 152 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:09:09 Chair Brown

00:09:21 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 152 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts33a03)

Discussion:

00:09:52 Chair Brown

00:10:01 Sen. Malek

00:10:57 Chair Brown

00:11:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 152 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Business

00:12:27 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division
EXHIBIT(sts33a04)

00:14:03 Sen. Smith

00:14:14 Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:53 Rep. Adam Rosendale (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 279, Revise period of retention for unclaimed veteran remains.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:06 Roger Hagan, lobbyist, Montana National Guard Association; American Legion of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:18:27 Joe Foster, division administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs (MVA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:51 Chair Brown

00:19:17 Mr. Foster, MVA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:05 Rep. Rosendale

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:27 Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 206, Provide for Montana standard time.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:52 Nicole Rolf, director of National Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:15 Spook Stang, executive vice president, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:04 Chair Brown

00:28:36 Mr. Stang, MCM

00:29:31 Chair Brown

00:29:38 Sen. Smith

00:30:17 Mr. Stang

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:29 Sen. Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 271

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:03 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 271, An act establishing the honor and remember medallion for military service.

00:33:58 Chair Brown

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts33a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:29 Joe Foster, division administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs (MVA)

00:37:07 Ronald Koontz, self

00:39:08 Roger Hagan, lobbyist, Montana National Guard Association; American Legion
of Montana

00:39:56 Chair Brown

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:19 David Williamson, self

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts33a06)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:31 Sen. Osmundson

00:46:40 Rep. Cook

00:47:12 Chair Brown

00:47:30 Mr. Foster, MVA

00:50:57 Chair Brown

00:51:11 Mr. Foster

00:51:21 Chair Brown

00:51:49 Mr. Foster

00:53:31 Chair Brown

00:53:40 Mr. Foster

00:53:54 Chair Brown

00:54:09 Mr. Foster

00:54:21 Chair Brown

00:54:25 Sen. Whitford

00:55:36 Mr. Foster

00:56:02 Sen. Whitford

00:56:16 Mr. Foster

00:56:30 Sen. Whitford

00:57:03 Mr. Foster

00:58:29 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:56 Rep. Cook

01:01:22 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:47 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts33aad.pdf](#))